

1 AN ACT concerning legislative member initiatives.

2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
3 represented in the General Assembly:

4 Section 5. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
5 Section 13.5 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 105/13.5 new)

7 Sec. 13.5. Limitation on appropriations for legislative
8 member initiatives.

9 (a) Unless it complies with this Section, a purported
10 appropriation of State funds for a legislative member
11 initiative is not a valid appropriation. No State funds may
12 be expended for a legislative member initiative unless the
13 appropriation for that legislative member initiative complies
14 with this Section.

15 (b) Each appropriation for a legislative member
16 initiative must be by a separate line item appropriation.
17 That line item must fully describe the legislative member
18 initiative, including without limitation the entity that will
19 receive the benefit of the expenditure, the purpose of the
20 expenditure, the specific location of the project, and the
21 Legislative District and Representative District in which the
22 project is located. No legislative member initiative may be
23 funded through a lump sum appropriation.

24 (c) "Legislative member initiative" means an
25 appropriation for a grant or distribution to a specific unit
26 of local government, specific school district, specific
27 not-for-profit organization, or specific non-governmental
28 entity for infrastructure improvements or operating expenses.
29 Appropriations that are part of a statewide program and are
30 based on generally applicable standards of eligibility are
31 not legislative member initiatives. "Infrastructure

1 improvements" include without limitation capital
2 improvements, capital projects, planning, construction,
3 reconstruction, equipment, utilities, vehicles, and all costs
4 associated with economic development, community programs,
5 educational programs, public health, and public safety.

6 (d) The purpose of this Section is to require full and
7 complete disclosure during the appropriation process of State
8 expenditures that are primarily for a specific local
9 community within a Legislative District or Representative
10 District. This Section shall be liberally construed to
11 effectuate its purpose.

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law.